



## Issue 3 April 2020

What a way to start a term! We are well into our 4<sup>th</sup> week of Term 2 with what has been a very different start of a Term to any we have seen. Most importantly we hope you are all keeping well, safe and have adjusted to our unprecedented times. Our Teachers have been very very busy making phone calls, sending emails, preparing home learning packs for children who are currently staying home and also providing quality preschool for children who are attending preschool. I have heard some great feedback of how appreciative our families are with all that our Teachers are achieving to keep contact with all families whenever they choose to be.

With this being said I feel it's a great time to remind all Families we are business as usual, and whenever you feel you are ready, we are here for your children. Although our numbers have been low to start, I feel that now NSW restrictions have lifted a little (NSW schools gradual return as of May 11<sup>th</sup>) some parents may feel a little more comfortable for their children to return which is fantastic.

We would however ask to please call the preschool beforehand to get in touch with your Teacher to let us know of your intention to return. This helps us with our Staffing ratios and helps us to be better prepared for your preschoolers with specific strategies.

Our Preschool has applied very strict measures that prioritises the importance of health and safety and have a defined policy to reflect our ongoing practices that are in place to protect and prevent the spread of any infectious disease. You have all been sent a Covid-19 policy and a risk assessment and I encourage you all to read through this thoroughly again. I will attach this again with this newsletter so you can refresh. This is super important if you are intending to return in the next few weeks. I will however draw your attention to the below that is part of our risk assessment.

Pick-up and Drop off – potential crowds outside the room	Moderate to high (due to the amount of caregivers, including grandparents, and children gathered in the one area)	Major- Infecting one another if anyone potentially has the virus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put in place a 30 minute staggered start and drop-off and pick-up</li> <li>2. Ask parents to remain outside the front door, social distancing (or in their car) until they see that the area immediately outside our door is clear</li> <li>3. Do not allow caregivers to enter the room at drop-off or pick-up. Children come one at a time to them in the foyer. (Only 1 parent at a time)</li> </ol>
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We are so looking forward to getting back to giving great quality preschool to your little people and hope that this email will make you feel a little more at ease if you are unsure what to do.

It also would be a great idea to just let your child know that preschool will look a little different for a little while and please make them aware that you will be dropping them off in the foyer to help stop any spread. I will also attach a COVID-19 summary you may want to read so you also can be informed how preschool will look.

Here are some handy links for you.

[www.nsw.gov.au/covid.19/education](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid.19/education)

[www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)

[www.education.nsw.gov.au/covid.19/adviceforfamilies](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au/covid.19/adviceforfamilies)

ECE (Early Childhood Education Services) are Essential Services and health advice remains that these services continue to operate. ECE services are encouraged to remain open to provide care for any families that needs it.

Stay safe and look after each other